



# News Release

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## ECBC Hires Quality Assurance Expert

**Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD** — Edgewood Chemical Biological Center (ECBC) has hired Erik Hangeland as Quality Assurance Manager to revamp ECBC's quality control and assurance systems. This new position was created as a result of recent rapid growth at ECBC. In the past five years, revenue has quadrupled and the Center has hired over 550 new employees, expanded its infrastructure to over 1,000,000 square feet; and outgrown its existing configuration for quality management.

Hangeland will leverage his past experience at the U.S. Army Environmental Center to streamline ECBC quality assurance procedures. Furthermore he will be reviewing and updating methods of safe handling, storage, decontamination and disposal of highly toxic chemical agents in laboratory operations.

The addition of this position is more evidence of the importance of the Center's mission to protect the warfighter and U.S. interests through the application of science, technology, and engineering in chemical and biological defense.

*"Consistently delivering science and technology of the highest caliber to the nation is not just our highest priority, it is our reason for being. As our programs expand, we need a robust system in place to ensure that every project is managed to the highest standards of our customers around the world. Erik's expertise will help the Center mature to that next level of service,"* said Jim Zarzycki, Technical Director, ECBC

*ECBC is the Army's principal research and development center for chemical and biological defense technology, engineering and services. ECBC has achieved major technological advances for national defense, civilian needs and industrial competitiveness, with a long and distinguished history of providing the Armed Forces with quality systems and outstanding customer service. ECBC is located at the Edgewood Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland. For more information about the Edgewood Chemical Biological Center, please visit our Web site at <http://www.ecbc.army.mil> or call (410) 436-3610.*

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